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BANK VAULT BLOWN AT WHEELING

A Bold but Unsuccessful Attempt Made to Loot a Bank Last Wednesday Night

From the Chillicothe Daily Constitution we learn that a bold attempt was made to rob the Farmers and Merchants bank at Wheeling about midnight Wednesday. The men who attempted the robbery broke into the blacksmith shop of Henry Ishmael, just east of the bank, and stole tools with which to drill a hole in the vault doors to place the nitro-glycerine. The charge when touched off shook the buildings for several blocks around the bank, but did not open the vault. Instead of the lock breaking, the door bulged out by the explosion. The robbers failed to open the safe and no money was taken.

After waiting about thirty minutes to see if the explosion would arouse the citizens of the town, a second charge was placed in the brick wall around the vault, which is about two and one-half feet thick. This explosion made a hole large enough for a man to enter the vault. The robbers at this time undoubtedly were scared away from their work, as the safe in the vault was unmolested and the tools used were found lying on the floor where they were last used.

The attempted robbery was not discovered until Cashier R. A. Tharp came down to the bank Thursday morning about six o'clock to open up the building. When he arrived the front doors of the building were standing wide open. The locks were unmolested and it is thought skeleton keys were used to effect an entrance to the bank.

Cashier Tharp stated that no money was taken, but the robber, after securing access to the vault, ransacked a number of private boxes which were in the vault, although it is thought no valuable papers were taken.

Two suspicious looking men were discovered in the waiting room at the depot by the night operator, Harry Clem, but he did not get a good description of them.

Shortly after these men were seen they left the depot and no clue has been obtained as to their whereabouts.

The supposition among the officers of the bank is that the burglary was committed by amateurs, as the safe was just inside the door of the big vault and was not molested. It is also evident that it was committed by some one familiar with the premises of the bank and of the blacksmith shop nearby, from which the tools were taken. The drill and sledge hammer, which were found near the vault in the bank, were said to have been secreted by Mr. Ishmael, from whose shop they were taken, in such a way that they could be found only by some one very familiar with the place.

Rev. Erle Merriman, a former pastor of Grace Episcopal church at Brookfield, was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Sherman, one of Missouri's most gifted musicians, at Chillicothe on Wednesday of last week. They will reside at Hinsdale, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago.

Work on the Brown shoe factory at Brookfield is being pushed rapidly and it is thought the factory will be put in operation about the first of next year.

Lester Butler, of Wheeling, spent last Sunday in Laclede.

Ed. Daily Shot.

Internal Revenue Collector E. B. Allen, who has been here from St. Louis this week looking after the improvements being made on his business block, received a telephone message from J. A. Crowder at St. Louis yesterday morning stating that Ed. Daily, a deputy in Mr. Allen's office, had been shot. Mr. Daily, with other government officers, was attempting to raid an illegal oleomargarine joint Thursday evening. Several shots were exchanged between the officers and the owner of the joint, who was also hit and dangerously wounded. Mr. Daily was taken to a hospital and it is thought his wound is not dangerous. Mr. Daily is ex-sheriff of Livingston county and is well known in this part of the state. Mr. Allen left on the noon train yesterday for St. Louis.

A St. Louis dispatch in yesterday's Kansas City Journal says: In a battle with revolvers shortly after midnight this morning between six United States revenue officers and a man suspected of manufacturing oleomargarine, one of the revenue officers was probably fatally shot through the breast, and the suspect received a bullet through the groin from which he may not recover.

Led by Revenue Agent R. H. Love, who operates in Kansas City and St. Louis, the revenue officers stormed the house of H. C. Moorman in the city. They forced an entrance and awakened Moorman, who immediately began shooting. Edward Daly, one of the officers, fell at the first shot. The officers retaliated, and Moorman fell.

Locust Creek Items

Digging potatoes is the talk now with a fair yield.

G. W. Estes delivered honey in Brookfield Monday.

Glena Lewis, little daughter of J. Q. Lewis, is sick with the whooping cough.

Mrs. C. J. Arbuckle returned from Illinois Monday where she spent the past two weeks visiting.

Mrs. E. J. Watson and two daughters, Misses Ellen and Zellah, spent Sunday afternoon at Allie Welch's.

C. M. Warren and family and Lenna Warren and mother, of Meadville, and Mr. Piggot, of Forker, spent Sunday with G. W. Estes.

L. Eichman and family, W. A. Balcom and wife, Charley Parker and family, W. N. Harter and family spent Sunday at W. O. Anderson's.

S. M. Brown, the hustling music dealer, flipped us a dollar Wednesday to continue THE BLADE to his address another year.

THE BLADE post card stand received another lot of new goods yesterday, including post card albums, tinsed "Note from Laclede," bean cards and other new novelties.

John W. Wallace, who is out making the fairs and race meetings with his pacing horse, Silver H., is now at the Oklahoma City fair and won the race he was in last Saturday, in fact we understand he has won every race he has been in since the Brookfield fair. Ward Mouser, a former Laclede boy, who now lives at Oklahoma City, has charge of the J. I. Case exhibit at the fair and runs a big traction engine up and down a sharp incline, demonstrating the ability of those engines as hill climbers.

LOCAL DOINGS-ABOUT TOWN.

Pungent Paragraphs Picked up by Our Perambulating Pencil Pusher.

Owing to the continued illness of her mother, Miss Eunice Thompson has resigned her clerkship in the postoffice and Miss Roxie Rankin has been appointed to the place.

W. W. G. Helm writes to have the address of his BLADE changed to St. Anna, Ill., where he has closed a deal for a \$65,000 plant that manufactures automobile wheels.

In the assignment of preachers at the annual M. E. conference held at Cameron last week, Rev. E. L. Robison, a former pastor of the Laclede church, was sent to Westboro for the present year. Westboro is in Atchison county about eight miles northeast of Tarkio, has a population of about 500 and has, we understand, quite a strong church.

As a result of the M. E. conference held at Cameron last week, Rev. Monnett, who has been pastor of the Laclede M. E. church for the past year and a half, will remove with his family next week to Moberly, and Rev. E. M. Dugger will remove from Moberly to Laclede. Rev. Monnett will hold regular services here tomorrow, preaching morning and evening.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of C. E. Tapscott north of town on the evening of October 1st, at which time R. E. Plunkett, of Knox county, and Miss Grace E. Pratt, of Sunny Point district north of Laclede, were united in marriage by the Presbyterian pastor of Laclede. The young people have the good wishes of their friends for their future prosperity and happiness.

H. J. Libby, son of Judge and Mrs. O. F. Libby, of Laclede, who some months ago located at Clarence for the practice of law, has been appointed assistant prosecuting attorney of Shelby county. Mr. Libby is now in charge of the office at Shelby, the prosecuting attorney being badly afflicted with rheumatism and unable to attend to the duties of the office. This is a compliment worthily bestowed as Harry will make good in every case he takes hold of.

C. S. Hotaling, junior member of the firm of Brownlee & Hotaling, abstracters and loan brokers, of Brookfield, was in Laclede Wednesday and was a pleasant caller at newspaper headquarters. Mr. Hotaling is a newcomer to Brookfield, having located there the first of the year and taken charge of the original and most complete set of plats, books and abstracts of all lands and town lots in Linn county, and is prepared to serve the people in a prompt and satisfactory way along that line.

Old customers remaining and new ones being added is sufficient evidence that C. B. Welsh is doing the most satisfactory grocery business in town. His shelves and counters are loaded with goods of well known brands and if there are any delicacies for the table you will find them there in the most convenient style. This store is always well stocked with everything usually found in a complete grocery house and the courteous treatment accorded everyone who enters the door are features which tend to increase the firm's popularity and build a long line of satisfied customers.

Some Evening Reveries.

With the return of the lengthened and pleasant and cool evenings comes the query to all, how shall we best improve them? There are a thousand pleasant ways of spending a fall or winter evening within the reach of those who have command of their own time; and prominent among those is indulgence in literary pursuits. How few, comparatively, of the young people of the present day, appreciate as they should the inestimable privileges they enjoy. Surrounded as are the young in all cities and most towns, with all the opportunities necessary for the cultivation of a literary taste, not one in a thousand appear to improve these golden chances. Occasionally, it is true, we meet with a young man or woman who firmly grasps the idea that "knowledge is power," but these, unfortunately, are the exceptions and not the rule.

Thousands of young men who have comfortable homes—whose parents are willing to supply them with books and papers—instead of availing themselves of these advantages, spend their long evenings either in idle lounging around corners, or in company with frivolous associates, male or female. Thus, winter after winter passes away, each one bringing them nearer to the age of manhood, but not fitting them for the proper discharge of the duties that a full manhood requires. They enter upon the busy stage of life with none of those safeguards which a cultivated intellect throws around its possessor. They start out laboring under a thousand disadvantages and confronted by innumerable obstacles, which disappear like shadows before a well informed mind. The fact that they do not contemplate adopting a professional career does not in any degree relieve them from the charge of being untrue to themselves, their friends and their country, while thus frittering away the most precious hours of their lives in idle indifference, and too frequently in the company of those associates whom to be with is contamination. How many of them right here in Laclede will resolve in the fall of 1907 of the twentieth century to "turn over a new leaf" and improve the long evenings of the fall and winter?

Nothing is much nobler than the desire for knowledge; nothing much shabbier than low curiosity. What does it signify to us what others do or have, and why cannot we leave them and theirs alone? No one in the world likes to be watched and pried after and it does not seem very difficult to do our neighbors in this matter as we would they should do to us. This curiosity is the great sin of small societies. For want of a more healthy outlet of the dramatic instinct with which we are all born, the dwellers in confined localities turn upon each other, like so many spiders in a tumbler, and try to make the real starvation of this instinct by the false nourishment of gossip.

Rev. Eubank, pastor of the Christian church, will begin revival meetings at his church this evening to run two weeks. There will be services each evening and Sunday morning and evening. The church building has just been newly papered and given a thorough cleaning and made neat and comfortable. All people are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

PRINCIPALLY ABOUT PEOPLE

Local Items of a Personal Nature Briefly Expressed for Your Hasty Perusal

Hilton Hawes has been in Wheeling the past week.

Dr. Standly made a professional visit to Linneus Tuesday.

C. B. Dagger spent Wednesday with relatives in Bogard.

Mrs. Bridges came home Monday from a months visit in Iowa.

F. M. Connor has spent the past week in Omaha on business.

Mrs. C. M. Burnett visited a few days in Brookfield this week.

Ward Welsh spent a day with relatives at Louisiana last week.

Postmaster Fay was up from Boomer on business Monday evening.

Mrs. F. E. Pratt and Mrs. J. E. Welsh were in Kansas City this week.

Mrs. J. C. Hunt visited her daughter and family at Centerville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Walker are attending the state fair at Sedalia this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. White spent last Sunday with relatives near Eversenville.

Chas. Herring was over from Golden, Ill., Thursday on a short business trip.

Schuyler Baker and Grant Welsh are attending the state fair at Sedalia this week.

A fine boy baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Pease, Jr., of Forker, Tuesday.

G. A. Ford, of Granville, Ill., spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Dagger.

Miss Anna Lomax is spending a week in Kansas City visiting the family of C. L. Watson.

E. R. Barton and little son left Tuesday to spend a week with relatives at Utica, Nebraska.

Mrs. Jane Dick is home from a pleasant visit with her son Frank and family at Maywood, Neb.

Mrs. Georgia Boomer and little daughter are home from spending the summer at Elk City, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bigger were at Cameron last week in attendance at the annual M. E. conference.

Mrs. J. H. B. Smith, of Milan, has spent the past week here visiting her sister, Mrs. J. R. McEfee.

Mrs. J. H. Brown and her sister, Miss Rose Trippier, spent last Sunday with their mother in Linneus.

C. S. Welsh has put in a five foot grandstand walk along the front of the Foreman house property this week.

Mrs. Z. T. Standly and son, Master Harold, are attending a reunion of her relatives at Carroll, Iowa, this week.

Mrs. S. D. Loring and little daughter are here from Nebraska visiting her sister, Mrs. G. W. Hendrick and family.

Judge and Mrs. R. N. Sharp have been here the past week visiting their daughter, Mrs. McGrew, and family at the Foreman house.

J. E. Test, who has a good position with the stock yards company at Kansas City, was here on business this week and renewed for THE BLADE.

F. P. Baird, a substantial farmer on route three, left Monday to spend a week or ten days visiting at his old home in Indiana, stopping off at Chicago to attend the national corn show being held there this week.